



Department of Veterans Affairs

Washington, D.C.

James P. Terry

James P. Terry was nominated to serve as Chairman of the Board of Veterans' Appeals by President George W. Bush on April 26, 2005, and confirmed by the Senate on July 29, 2005.

Prior to his nomination, Mr. Terry served as Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary and Deputy Assistant Secretary at the Department of State since 2001.

Mr. Terry was commissioned in the Marine Corps in 1968. He served as an infantry officer in Vietnam and as commanding officer of a Marine detachment aboard the USS Ticonderoga. Following his graduation from law school at Mercer University in 1973, he served as a Marine Corps Judge Advocate until his retirement as a colonel in 1995. He served his final four years of active duty as legal counsel to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Following his service in the Marine Corps, Mr. Terry accepted a position in the Senior Executive Service in the Department of the Interior. He served as deputy director of the Office of Hearings and Appeals with responsibility for managing the department's Administrative Law Judge system. He later served as a judge on the Board of Land Appeals with responsibility for adjudicating offshore oil and gas royalty cases. In July 2001, he left the Interior Department to accept an appointment in the Department of State.

Mr. Terry is a native of East Brookfield, Mass. He graduated from the University of Virginia in 1968, earning his undergraduate degree in geo-chemistry. He later returned to complete a graduate degree. In 1980 and 1982, respectively, he was awarded the Master of Laws (with highest honors) and the Doctor of Juridical Science degrees in International Law from The George Washington University.

Mr. Terry has written more than 25 articles on coercion control and national security law. He is currently completing a book on Soviet military intervention in former Warsaw Pact states for the period 1945 to 1991.

Mr. Terry's military awards include the Bronze Star Medal, Purple Heart, Defense Superior Service Medal and Legion of Merit.



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